

Mont. 17-51-5

c. 1900

James Dorsey House (Site)

Poolesville Vicinity, Jerusalem Community

Private

This one and a half story frame house had two rooms down and two up. Its facade consisted of three bays. It was the home of a black landowning family.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

James (Jim) Dorsey House (site)

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Jerusalem Church Rd., north side

CITY, TOWN

Poolesville

☒ VICINITY OF Jerusalem

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT

☐ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☒ SITE

☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

No

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Elmer H. and N.S. Frolich

Telephone #: 301-772-1499

STREET & NUMBER

7007 E. Inwood

CITY, TOWN

Kentland

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 4143

Folio #: 1

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☒ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This house no longer stands, and there is no visible evidence of it remaining. According to community informant, William Moore, this house was a one and a half story frame dwelling with two rooms down and two up. It faced the north branch of Jerusalem Church Road. The design and dimensions of the house resembled the original block of the Lizzi Grimes-Havannah Jackson house in Jerusalem, which has been surveyed. Refer to that site for further details. According to Moore, this house did have a cross gable pediment, unlike the Grimes-Jackson house, and it was not as tall as his grandfather William Moore's house.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
	<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			Black history
				Local history

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1900 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1954 this tract of 3 acres was sold for taxes (deed 1902/162). There was no being clause in the deed. No James A. Dorsey was listed in the 1777-1927 grantee index, nor was there any Dorsey listed except for William H. Dorsey, who purchased property of 2 acres adjacent to this tract. Perhaps reference to this property can be found among the tax records.

This house was similar to several other smaller, one and a half story frame houses in the Jerusalem community and other black communities in the county. It is representative of the type occupied by the families who were small landowners near the turn of the 19th century.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land Records, Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md.  
 Oral interviews, William Moore, Jerusalem community, Sept.-October,  
 1978 (not taped), by George McDaniel.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3.0

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

George W. McDaniel, Surveyor Wesley Stubbs, Research Assistant

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

Sept. 1978

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Box 87

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Dickerson

Maryland 20753

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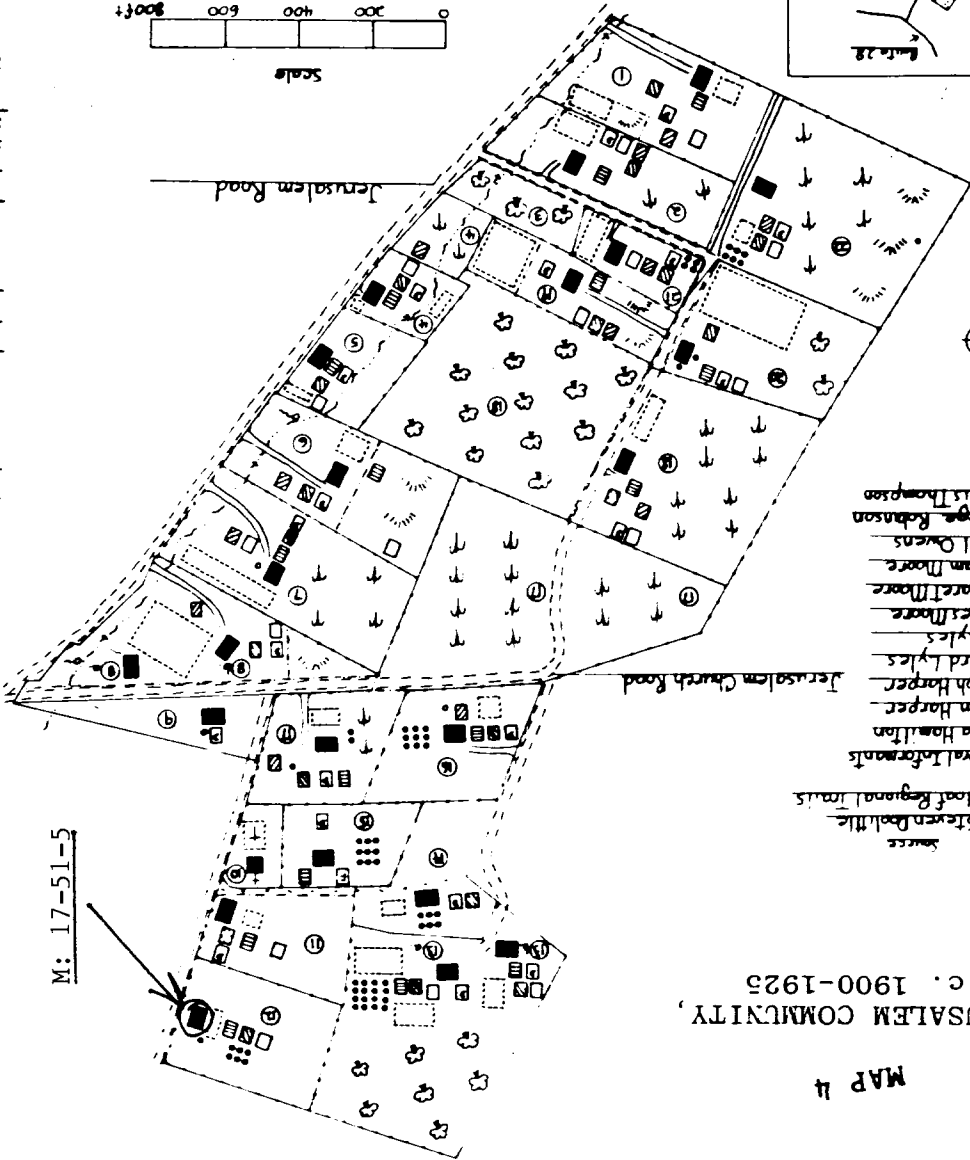
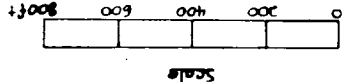
Key

1. WILLIAM ROBINSON ESTD. 3.22 AC.
2. SARAH JOHNSON ESTD. 2.00 AC.
3. MILTON HARPER ESTD. 1.00 AC.
4. WILLIAM LYLES ESTD. 2.00 AC.
5. SUSAN PROCTOR ESTD. 1.00 AC.
6. FRANK DORSEY ESTD. 2.90 AC.
7. GEORGE DORSEY ESTD. 4.75 AC.
- 8a. 1st CLARCE HOME (106) 4.40 AC.
- 8b. 2nd CLARCE HOME (174) 4.40 AC.
9. JERUSALEM PARSONAGE 1.50 AC.
10. JERUSALEM CHURCH 0.50 AC.
11. WILLIAM DORSEY ESTD. 2.00 AC.
12. JAMES DORSEY ESTD. 3.00 AC.
- 13a. WILLIAM MOORE ESTD. 7.00 AC.
- 13b. HARTLEY MOORE ESTD. 2.00 AC.
14. DAVID COPELAND ESTD. 2.00 AC.
15. ROBERT WILLIAMS ESTD. 3.75 AC.
16. VALLACE HAMILTON ESTD. 2.50 AC.
17. DENNIS HAMILTON ESTD. 9.66 AC.
18. CHARLES MCPHERSON ESTD. 11.00 AC.
19. LIZZIE GARDNER ESTD. 4.00 AC.
20. GEORGE LYLES ESTD. 3.00 AC.
21. JOHN HARPER ESTD. 1.00 AC.
22. JOHN BAILMAN ESTD. 10.00 AC.

DEWELLINGS AND OUTBUILDINGS NOT DRAWN TO SCALE.  
ESTD. = HOMESTEAD PROP. = PROPERTY

- CHURCH
- CEMETERY
- LODGE
- COMMUNITY CENTER
- STORE
- POST OFFICE
- SCHOOL
- DEWELLING
- PRIVY
- STABLE
- MEAT HOUSE
- BEN HOUSE
- MILK HOUSE
- CORN/FEED HOUSE
- PIG PEN
- GARDEN
- PASTURE
- CORNFIELD
- MEAT FIELD
- ORCHARD
- FOREST
- THICKET
- WELL
- SPRING
- STREAM
- POND
- PARCEL BOUNDARY
- FENCED PARCEL BDY.
- FENCE
- DIRT ROAD
- LANE
- PAVE
- STREAM FLOW

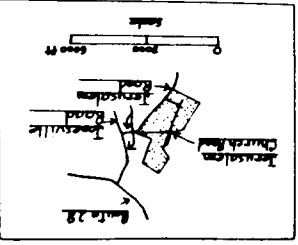
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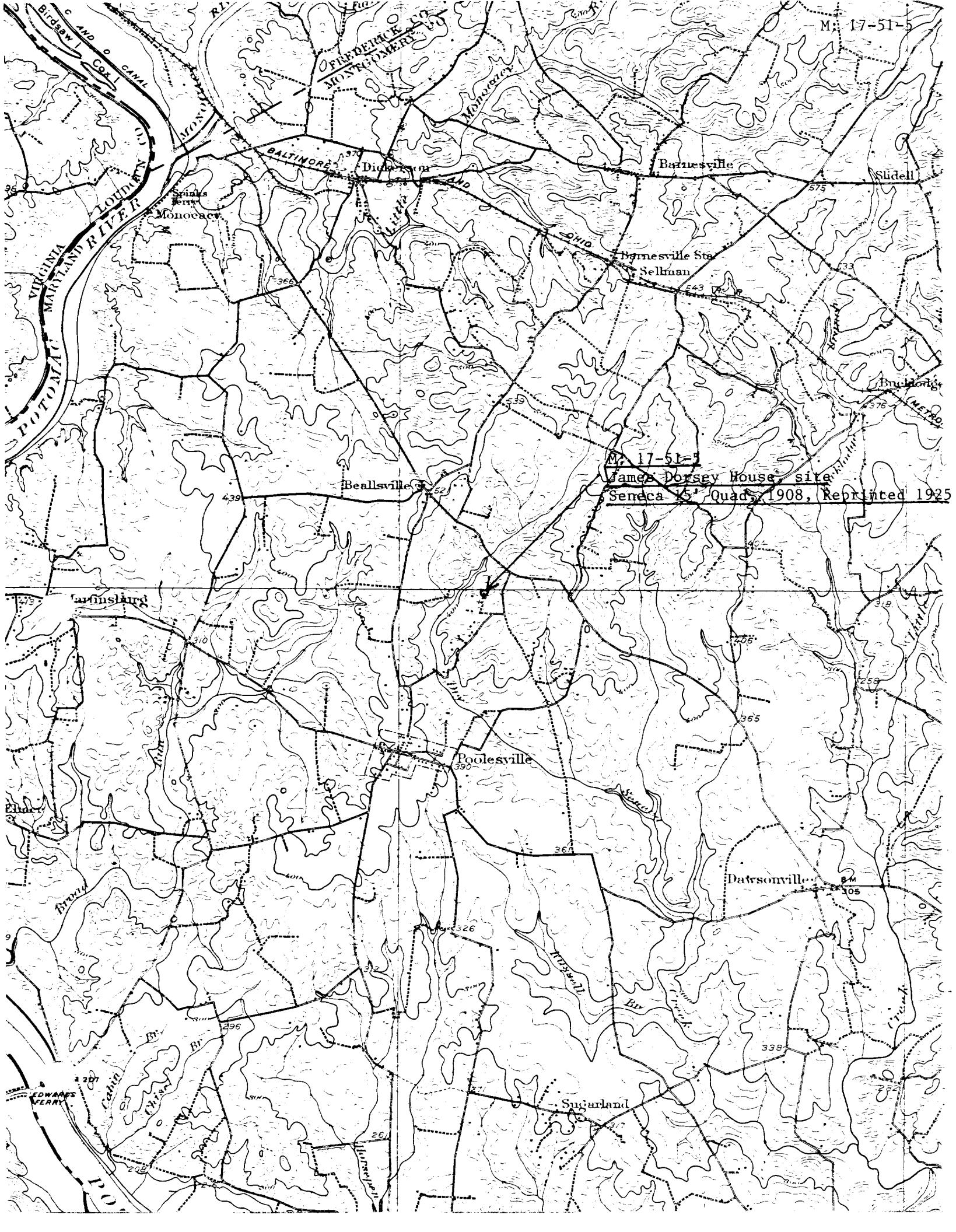


JERUSALEM COMMUNITY,  
c. 1900-1925

MAP 4

Source  
Steven Doolittle  
Sugarcreek Regional Inn  
Oral Informants  
Joshua Hamilton  
Evelyn Harper  
Joseph Harper  
Howard Lyles  
Dea Lyles  
Charles Moore  
Margaret Moore  
William Moore  
Lester Owens  
George Robinson  
Francis Thompson





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FREDERICK CO.  
MONTGOMERY CO.

BALTIMORE

Barnesville

Slidell

Monocacy

Barnesville Sta.  
Selman

Beallsville

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James Dorsey House site  
Seneca 15' Quad, 1908, Reprinted 1925

Armistead

Poolesville

Dawsonville

Sugarland

EDWARDS FERRY

